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Re: Antibiotics for livestock

Dear Dr. Henney:

It is time to stop the rampant and over-use of antibiotics with livestock. Europe has banned using human-use antibiotics to animal feed and objects strenuously to buying our livestock since we are liberal with their use. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention and many health organizations have expressed concern about this problem. Doesn't this tell us something? We are already having problems with public health because of the resistance that bacteria have developed by constant exposure to antibiotics. Granted that some people over-use antibiotics and this develops resistance, but feeding antibiotics to livestock contributes a significant amount to the problem.

I consider lacing feed with antibiotics to promote faster growth and to hide unhygienic practices wrong in lieu of the problems that it causes the human population. Also, our environment is damaged from the huge amount of animal waste that factory farms produce. It seems time to stop this practice. Won't you try to solve this problem?

Sincerely,

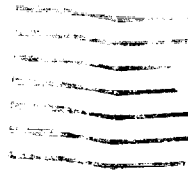
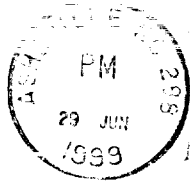


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